HOUSE BILL 96

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, relative to energy conservation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 19, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 13-19-109.

- (a) Each owner of an existing commercial building within this state shall have conducted for that building a comprehensive energy audit. Such audit must be conducted by a person approved to perform professional energy audits.
- (b) On or after October 1, 2011, each owner of an existing commercial building within this state shall conspicuously display a notice accessible by the building's tenants or potential tenants containing the results of the comprehensive energy audit.
 - (c) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (1) "Commercial building" means a building used for the conduct of a business, having financial profit as the primary aim; and
 - (2) "Comprehensive energy audit" means an assessment of all energy-using systems to determine the energy consumption characteristics of a building which shall:
 - (A) Identify the type, size and rate of energy consumption of such building, including industrial processes in the building;

- (B) Identify appropriate energy conservation maintenance and operating procedures; and
- (C) Indicate the need, if any, for the acquisition and installation of energy conservation measures.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

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